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TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE:

I am in receipt of House Bill Number 48, passed by both branches of your Honorable Body, which I respectfully herewith return with my official disapproval.

My reason for disapproving this bill is that it provides for the donation and appropriation of all the sand and other deposits from beneath the waters of Corpus Christi Bay and Nueces Bay; to be used for private purposes, without compensation to the State.

Waiving, for the sake of argument, the constitutional question that might be involved, the passage of this Act would establish a precedent for the passage of similar Acts, affecting locations all up and down the Texas coast, and the result would be that the State would be deprived of a very important source of revenue.

For these reasons the Act is disapproved.

Respectfully,

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Governor of Texas.